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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: WESTINGHOUSE/MITSUBISHI

REF: (A) STATE 213103; (B) TOKYO 11215; (C) TOKYO 13038

1. REF (A) DESCRIBES EFFORTS OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO SECURE INTERVIEW WITH SADAAKI ABE IN CONNECTION WITH WESTINGHOUSE/MITSUBISHI ANTITRUST CASE. THIS INCLUDED THE FILING IN COURT OF A MOTION AND THE AFFIDAVIT OF FIRST SECRETARY RUSSELL PRICKETT WHICH DESCRIBES HIS EFFORTS TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF GOJ CLEARANCE (REF A), JUSTICE FILED MOTION AND AFFIDAVIT WITH THE COURT. ALSO, AS PART OF SAME MOTION, TEXT OF REF (B) ON ABE'S REFUSAL TO ENGAGE IN INTERVIEW WAS FILED. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, ATTORNEYS FOR MITSUBISHI FILED OPPOSITION BRIEF WHICH IN ESSENCE TAKES THE POSITION THAT MITSUBISHI AND ITS ATTORNEYS HAVE NOT IN ANY WAY OBSTRUCTED OR DISCOURAGED ABE FROM COMING FORWARD. THEY SUBMITTED AFFIDAVIT WHICH MAKES STATEMENTS DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO STATEMENTS IN PRICKETT AFFIDAVIT. ALSO, THEY STATE THAT TEXT OF REF (B), AS SUBMITTED, IS HEARSAY.

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2. GIVEN THIS SITUATION, JUSTICE IS DESIROUS OF SUBSTANTI-  
ATING ITS MOTION, INCLUDING ESPECIALLY THE VERACITY OF ABE'S

STATEMENTS. IN ORDER TO BUTTRESS EXCELLENT AFFIDAVIT  
PREPARED BY PRICKETT, JUSTICE POSES POSSIBILITY OF SECUR-  
ING VERY BRIEF AFFIDAVIT FROM ABE ON HIS VERSION OF WHY  
AN INTERVIEW WAS NOT POSSIBLE. ABE, OF COURSE, MAY  
QUICKLY AND ADAMANTLY REFUSE. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE HE  
WILL WISH TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. THEREFORE, EMBASSY  
IS REQUESTED, AT ITS DISCRETION, TO EXPLORE THIS POSSI-  
BILITY. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THIS TASK AND KEEP  
EMBASSY EFFORTS TO MINIMUM, JUSTICE ATTORNEY PLANS TO  
TELEPHONE PRICKETT ON MORNING OF OCTOBER 21 YOUR TIME TO  
DISCUSS THE MATTER AND PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE. AT SAME  
TIME HE WILL ASK FOR BRIEF AFFIDAVIT FROM EMBASSY, AGAIN  
AT YOUR DISCRETION, WHICH CONFIRMS TEXT OF REF (B).

3. ONCE AGAIN, EFFORTS OF ALL CONCERNED MOST APPRECIATED.  
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